## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA **NORTHERN DIVISION**

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DEBRA P. HACKETT, CLK U.S. DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT ALA <b>BRENDA J. PENN</b>	) CR. NO. 2:05 CR3/5 W (18 U.S.C. 641)	
	) ) <u>INFORMATION</u> )	

The United States Attorney charges:

## **COUNT**

On or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005, at the Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), at Maxwell Air Force Base, in the Middle District of Alabama, BRENDA J. PENN did steal merchandise of a value of less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), the property of the United States, in violation of Title 18, Section 641, United States Code.

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STATE OF AMERICA	)	
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY	)	<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I, ROBERT G. SMITH, am employed by the Army Air Force Exchange (AAFES) at Maxwell Air Force Base as a store detective. On or about 26 November 2005, via closed circuit video monitors, I observed BRENDA J. PENN pick out several items of jewelry from a display in the BX. PENN then placed the jewelry in a flyer. PENN then folded up the flyer and placed it in the bottom of her shopping cart. PENN continued to shop. PENN went through the checkout line where she paid for several of the items in the cart. PENN did not pay for the jewelry that was hidden in the flyer. PENN then left the store. I detained her in the lobby and escorted her to the manager's office. PENN denied that the cart was hers. The sales flyer was clearly visible in the bottom of the cart. Security forces responded. PENN was left unattended in an office while security forces viewed the tape. When security forces returned to the office, the flyers in the cart were empty. Upon searching the office, the following jewelry was found in the corner: 1 bracelet @ \$18.99; 1 bracelet @ \$9.99; 2 necklaces @ \$7.99 each; 3 necklaces @ \$12.99 each; 1 necklace @ \$22.99; and 1 necklace @ \$11.99. The total value of all the items she took, but did not pay for, was \$118.91.

ROBERT G. SMITH

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2005.

AUDREY F. GRIFFIN

Notary Public State of Alabama

> NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: July 19, 2009 BONDED THRU NOTARY PUBLIC UNDERWRITERS